

### Some Changes in the Paper

It was intended, and we had contemplated, some changes in the make up of the paper, the arrangement of the departments, etc., to begin with this issue, but the *Quarterly* and the *Annual* being in the way, we have decided to make the change with the first issue in the new year, which will be the Twentieth Century Number.

### An Hour With the Bible

The Christian should give at least one hour each day to the study of the Bible. Can he find time to do this amid the multiplicity of duties which crowd this busy life? From what part of the day is the mother to steal an hour to devote to her Bible? The merchant who goes to his place of business early in the morning and never returns until late at night, except for his meals, can *he* give an hour to the study of his Bible? Is there an hour to spare for these people? Yes, there surely is. The busiest man in the universe can find an hour each day for the study of the Bible and accomplish more in a lifetime than if this extra hour were given to his business. To give an hour each day to the study of the Bible is not stealing that much time from your business or from your domestic duties, but it is robbing God not to give that much time to the devotional study and meditation of his holy Word. An hour with the Bible each day given to prayerful, earnest study, will sweeten all of life's experiences, turn its hard and stern duties into blessed privileges, lighten our burdens, and above all bring us into that sweet communion and fellowship with the Father which alone makes life worth living. A morning hour with the Bible! Blessed hour! Blessed privilege!

### Cross the Line

We think of death as the line which divides between misery and happiness; and whatever our experience may be in this pilgrimage, whatever of profound sorrow and deep disappointment, we look forward to the time when, with this "mortal coil," we will leave behind us the shadows and the clouds, and enter into "the world beautiful." But why should the Christian postpone his joy? Where Christ is there are unfailing delights, and Christ may even now be in our hearts, if but our hearts are open for his incoming. And with Christ in our hearts we will think that we have already crossed the line which separates between the world's misery and heaven's bliss.

### An Evil Guest

A French traveler brought home a large monkey, and was horrified a few days after to find that during the night the beast had killed his only child. But this is not a more frightful tragedy than happens to many who from wide ranging in the dark moral wilderness bring back to the inner home bestial guests for conscious harboring. We have good authority for the statement that not a few people keep a whole menagerie in that sanctuary which was made for God's in-

dwelling alone. What wonder that the cocatrice by and by stings, or that the well grown tiger cub tastes blood, or that the unclean ape smothers innocence. Look well to your guests, lest you entertain a devil, and not "unawares," either.

### Thoroughness

Said a good farmer to his boy, learning his first lessons with the hoe, "If it takes all day at a single hill of corn, hoe it just right." Of course it would not be profitable to spend a whole day on one stalk of corn, but it is profitable to learn the lesson and acquire the habit of thoroughness. Then with skill always come the ability to work rapidly. The expert can always do more than the slouch, besides doing it better. It is getting so now in the fierce competition there is in all lines of business that only the thorough man can get along. See the crowd of the slipshod part to make room for him. Every moment he leaves a multitude behind him. Be thorough, *be thorough*, BE THOROUGH: This is the ringing motto we offer to the young men and young women who are entering the race of life. Whether it be in little things, commonplace things, or great things, let the habit of thoroughness become so confirmed that it will appear in all your actions, your daily tasks, your words, thoughts and purposes. If your calling is the humblest in the world, become such a master of it that every body will seek you. Pluck, Perseverance and Providence will win the day for you, no matter who or what opposes.

### The Straight Path

When the Lord converted Paul he told him to go to the street called Straight, and there wait for the divine dealing. The same orders fit the modern Christian equally as well. When you are converted, seek the straight path,—let it be an honest surrender, an honest vow, an honest willingness, an honest waiting, and honest patience, and honest faith, and our word for it all the blinding scales of the former self will fall from the eyes, and the plan of your life will be made plain. It is marvelous what a work God can do with the man who goes to Straight street, and waits for him.

A talented young modeler in clay once visited the Supreme Court in session at Washington, and from memory modeled the whole court, lawyer pleading earnestly, and judges in full robes, every one asleep but the Chief Justice. The learned judges doubtless would not like to see so plain and honest a representation fixed in imperishable form. And yet will not something of the kind happen to those of whom it shall be said: "Let him that is unjust be unjust still, and let him that is filthy be filthy still?" Does it not mean that the record of uncanceled sin will be imperishable, like the modeled faces of the judges, asleep at the post of duty?